



Birthdays

Stan Ferguson
May 6th

Sally Griffith
May 12th

Lisa Azevedo
May 19th

Anniversaries

Wes and Jeannie Lingerfelt
May 20th

Bruce and Jeanie Nybo
May 29th

Upcoming Dates

August 5-7, 2022 - OMS Show

September 23-25 - SLO Club show at the SLO Vet's Hall

December 10, 2022 - Annual Meeting

The Pez Box - May 2022



Well, we're almost 1/2 way through the year already! April was a fairly busy month for us. We had a wonderful field trip to Ralph's. He was there to answer all our questions, visit with us all, and even told us a new story from his high school years. Ralph supplied us with some wonderful slabs to sort through and had some others

we could purchase. Fun was had by all!

The Board will be foot loose and fancy free this year. The Nipomo Chamber of Commerce decided to double the rent for using their conference room. We felt the increase was a little too high. We have had 2 excellent offers for our new meeting place but have not chosen one or the other as of yet. If you are planning to attend a board meeting, please check with a board member for location.

The next highway clean up is scheduled for May 14th so if you don't have plans, come on down to the south east corner of highway 101 and 166 east bound and join in for some fun and goodies afterwards!

I want to remind everyone that our June meeting will be our annual mid-year picnic & silent auction at Pioneer Park in Santa Maria. The club supplies the meat, Santa Maria style beans, and garlic bread. The members are to bring either a side dish, salad, or dessert to round out our great meal. We need to bring our own plates and cutlery and big appetites. I will send around a sign-up sheet at our May meeting so people indicate whether they would prefer to bring a side, salad, or dessert. We will supply coffee and ice

May 2022

May 2 at 7:00 pm - OMS Board Meeting on Wes and Jeannie's Patio

May 10 at 7:00 pm - OMS General Meeting at the Oasis Senior Center in Orcutt. **Pie** will be provided by Jeannie Lingerfelt, The Azevedos, Jan Ferguson, and Sally Griffith

May 14 at 8:00 am- Highway Clean Up at the corner of 101 and 166

June 2022

June 6 at 7:00 pm - Location TBD

June 14 at 7:00 pm - OMS General Meeting at the Oasis Senior Center in Orcutt.

June 11, 2022 - Summer BBQ Potluck at Pioneer Park

Corrections

In the April Newsletter the date for the field trip to Ralph Bishop's house was wrong on page 2. The correct date was April 16th.



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tea but you are also welcome to bring your own drinks. We need an indication of who plans to attend for purchase of the meat.

Through the hard work of Renea Sutcliffe and Betty Campbell we have enough favorable responses from our Show Dealers to announce THE SHOW IS A GO!! Now that it's definite I am hoping that we will get more of you to sign up to help before, during, and after the show. We are going to be a very tired, grumpy Board if we don't get some more volunteers to give us some relief during the show.

Our program this month is a visit to Yellowstone National Park. The film is a National Geographic Production which explores the geology of Yellowstone. It will be presented by Wes Lingerfelt.

The displays can be either treasures you got on our field trip to Ralph's, any volcanic rocks, even if not from Yellowstone, or anything else you would like to show. See you at the meeting! Sally

May Birthstone - Emerald

The meaning of May's birthstone has positive connotations throughout various cultures making this gemstone revered across the world. The emerald is a symbol of unconditional love. Hinduism associates the color green with the heart chakra, making the emerald a symbol of the heart and universal love. Love symbology is mirrored in Roman mythology, where the emerald is linked with the goddess Venus, the goddess of love.

In the Middle Ages, the meaning behind the emerald birthstone was a symbol of fertility and good fortune. In the past, emeralds aided physical conditions like eliminating impatience from the body, restoring exhausted travelers, and resisting the devil. Many crowns and royal jewelry are adorned with these precious deep emerald green gemstones.



<https://www.brilliantearth.com/news/may-birthstone-emerald-meaning/>

Orcutt Mineral Society Board Meeting - April 4, 2022

Members: Present: Wayne Mills, Renea Sutcliffe, Sally Griffith, Betty Campbell, Jan Ferguson, and Jeanne Brown

Absent: Tara Machin and Jeannine Todd

Call to Order: 7:05 pm by President, Sally Griffith

Minutes: No corrections to April newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: No report

Correspondences: Bulletin from Santa Lucia Rockhounds, a letter from South County Chambers of Commerce stating their goal and visions including a window sticker and a 2022 sticker for our Plaque (that we don't have), an announcement from Southern Nevada Gem and Mineral Society concerning the Viva Las Vegas Rock Show on June 17-19 2022, that will host the Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies, and our monthly Salvation Army request.

Committee Reports:

1. Bulletin- Bulletin out. Date for Bishop Field Trip was wrong on page 2, correct on Page 5.
2. CFMS- CFMS report in Bulletin. Wayne read summary of AFMS Report received April 1.
3. OMS Membership- Sally received an inquiry last Sunday from a man interested in joining our club. Wayne emailed back, explained we have an aged membership unable to go on many field trips but they are very experienced and love to share their knowledge. Board agreed that the picnic at Pioneer Park would be considered "an activity".
4. Field Trips- Our scheduled trip is a "Members Only" trip to Ralph Bishop's Museum on April 16th, from 10:00 AM to

about noon. Ralph is busy preparing for that event. (There may be slabs to give out.) Sally proposed Wayne's September 2015 Article on Rockhounding the Central Coast have photos added to create a pamphlet that would be free to members and for sale to others.

5. Adopt-A-Highway- Will be on May14th at 8 am. Extra help is needed. We meet at the southeast corner of Highways 101/166 East.
6. Annual Awards Banquet- No further update
7. Breakfast- Cancelled until further notice
8. Education- No report
9. Library- No report
10. Sunshine- Jeanne will be out with a knee replacement so will miss the meetings in May.
11. Scholarship- On hold until the 2022 show. The scholarship will depend on the show revenue.

Show: Nipomo High School has accepted our Application. We have a ton to do and a late start! (After the Board Meeting) Wayne sent the list of dealers and an introductory letter to Renee and Betty to get a feel for how many dealers we might expect. Sally has Sharon Duncan's 2019 Proposal which details a good deal of what needs to be done to prepare for a show. Wayne was asked to bring a list of show jobs (Hospitality, Kid's Booth and Treasure Chest) to the April meeting to see what kind of participation we might expect from our members (2 members per shift, three shifts per day for each activity)

Old Business: The San Luis Obispo Club Show will be September 24-25 at the

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Veteran's Hall in San Luis Obispo. The OMS Picnic set for Saturday, June 11 is confirmed.
New Business: We hope to pass out Red Books at the April meeting. We will have a sign-up list for the major activities of our show to gauge member participation. For the April program Wayne will present an introduction and some readings of Ralph Bishop's literary

works. The display for April will be any interesting rock/s. It would be fun if you have anything purchased from Ralph, it might make an interesting addition to the program.

Adjourned: 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by Wayne Mills for Tara Machin, Secretary

Orcutt Mineral Society General Meeting - April 12, 2022

Minutes:

Call to Order: 7:010 pm by President, Sally Griffith.

Invocation by Debbie Hood

Pledge of Allegiance by Sally Griffith

Members/Guests: 20 Members and 4 Guests
 Treats were provided by Truman Burgess, Don Nasholm, and the Azevedos.

The minutes of the Board meeting were read and no corrections were noted.

Treasurer's Report: No report

Correspondences: The correspondences were read to the members. Refer to the Board Meeting Notes for the list.

Committee Reports:

1. Bulletin- Tara is on vacation for much of April so Wayne is filling in as Secretary; Our April bulletin is out. No corrections noted. May bulletin should be out by May 2 (date of our May Board Meeting).
2. CFMS- Renea is attending the CFMS Show and Director's Meeting in Lancaster on May 6-8 in Lancaster at the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds. CFMS report was in the April Bulletin. Wayne read the April AFMS Report.
3. AFMS - April notes will be in the OMS May newsletter.

4. Field Trips- Saturday is our (Members only) field trip to Ralph Bishop's Museum. We will meet at his home in Santa Maria at 10:00 AM and will be leaving around noon. The Board is working on a Field Trip Guide to the Central Coast based on Wayne's article in the September 2015 Ore-Cutts. Wayne asked for any pictures of rocks from those locations that we could use in the guide.
5. Adopt-A-Highway- Our next Highway clean up is on May 14th. Sally will be unable to attend, so we could use a few more hands. Clean-up is at 8 AM at the southeast corner of Highways 101 and 166 East.
6. Annual Awards Banquet- Jeannie Watkins. Is near the end rush of tax season. After things quiet down, she will be checking into the cost of meals at Spy Glass Inn as an alternative to Madonna Inn. Access at Madonna is difficult for many of our members.
7. Breakfast- Cancelled until further notice
8. Education -No report
9. Library- No report

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10. Sunshine- Jeanne Watkins' knee surgery is April 25. We wish her a swift and thorough recovery. Lisa Azevedo's father is ailing. We hope he makes a thorough recovery as well.

11.Scholarship- Nothing to report until we complete the show.

Show: Nipomo High School has approved our application. Our insurance is set, so we are starting to plan for our show. Wayne passed around sign-ups for jobs vital to our show- (lot layout, show set-up, take-down, and clean-up, as well as staffing for Hospitality, Kid's Booth and Treasure Chest. Fewer than half of the requested spaced were filled in at the April Meeting. Renea and Betty will send-out inquiries to our dealers to gauge their interest in attending our show this year. Dealer response will determine whether or not we have a show. We should know by our May meeting if we will have a show in 2022.

Old Business: Our picnic in Pioneer Park on June 11th is a go. More details in the June Bulletin. Plan on a potluck with the club doing the meat, beans, bread, coffee and tea. Members bring side dishes and desserts (add

plates, cutlery, drinks, etc. as well as items for our silent (rock) auction.)

As promised, Wayne passed out the Red Books at the April meeting. Several members were not present to receive their books.

New Business: We will continue to work on the Field Trip Guide and hopefully receive responses from our dealers. By May we will know one way or the other if the Show is on. Wayne noted that Modoc National Forest obsidian collection will run from July 1 through Labor Day (September 5). Required permits are only available at the National Forest Headquarters at 225 W. 8th in Alturas, CA. Call 530-233-5811 for further details.

Presentation: Inspired by our Field trip on Saturday, Wayne will present an introduction of Ralph and read some of his stories. Following the program, Renea conducted the door prize activity.

Display: Any interesting rock or rocks you may have purchased from Ralph in the past, or anything.

Adjourned: 8:50 pm

Respectfully submitted by Wayne Mills for Tara Machin, Secretary

Photos From The April Field Trip



Ralph's Articles in Past Ore-Cutts Newsletters

(viewable at omdinc.org–Bulletins in .pdf format)

- Swimming in Rhodonite- April 2009
- My Ole' Buddy Wes- February 2009
- T'was Grace that Saved Me- November 2007
- Amazing Grace- August- 2007
- Digging in the Fog of Time- June-July 2007
- Profile in Courage- July 2006
- Dam the Torpedoes -May 2006
- Breaker, Breaker, Stonewall, Over- April 2006
- Make a place for that Rock to Go- March 2006
- Moonstone Odyssey- February 2006
- Pseudomorph Meow- November 2005
- Habits of Halite (w/ Dick Shields)- August 2005
- Marshall the Hero- June 2005
- Girls Gone Wild- May 2005
- Dryhead Agate (w/ Sharon Duncan)- January 2005
- Pride of Morgan Hill- December 2004
- Lord it is Hard to be Humble- May 2004
- Dawg Gone- April 2004
- Collecting Eggs with the Kid- February 2004







Upcoming Rock and Mineral Shows

May 6-8, 2022 - Lancaster, CA

Contact: Bob Backus at lbackus@aol.com

More information coming!!

May 6-7, 2022 - Yucaipa, CA

Yucaipa Valley Gem and Mineral Society

Website: <http://yvgms.org>

May 7-8, 2022 - Jackson, CA

Amador County Gem & Mineral Society

Website: [http://](http://www.amadorgemandmineral.org)

www.amadorgemandmineral.org

June 11-12, 2022 - Escondido, CA

Palomar Gem and Mineral Show

Website: <http://palomargem.org>

More information can be found on the CFMS website at cfmsinc.org

CFMS / AFMS News - May 2022

CFMS Website - cfmsinc.org

President's Message- (Jim Barton) Director's Meeting coming up on May 7. They need an All-American Club Chair. Duties are listed in the Bulletin.

Insurance (Contacts listed in Bulletin. Club dues are past due (\$8 per member.

Juniors (Jim Brace Thompson)- See the Junior's exhibits at the upcoming CFMS Show. (Heck, see ALL the exhibits there). Should be some good ones. There is a special 1-time award for the best Junior Display in the CFMS Show May 6-8, 2022 at the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds.

Rockhound of the Year (ROY)- Only one submission this year from all of CFMS. Reno Gem and Mineral Society.

Earth Science Camps- Camp Paradise is August 21-26, and August 28-September 2. Several varied classes will be offered. \$425 per person (includes Room and Board). \$275 per session for "Day Trippers". An application is included in the Bulletin.

Safety (Ellery Borrow)- Interesting article on Kid Safety in several different activities.

AFMS Earth Science Scholarships- Article on what they are, and how they are awarded. Donations are solicited.

Show Prep (Lee Whitebay)- Article by on **packing and setting up your show display.**

Historian- Article by Jennifer Haley on "The Awakening of the Earth Sciences in the United States. The first club was established in New York in 1798!

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Also included is a list of upcoming shows and a list of CFMS Officers and their Contact information.

AFMS Website - amfed.org

AFMS News - From April 1, 2022 - Please check the website for more up to date information.

Article by Ellery Barow on keeping children safe during rockhounding and other activities.

RoY (Rockhound of the year) selection from Rocky Mountain Federation.

Juniors (Lana Hall)- The history of FRA (Future Rockhounds of America) and how to start a junior rockhound program in your club.

Scholarships (Sandie Fender)- Request to donate to the AFMS Scholarship Program

Bulletin Aids (Mark Nelson)- has an instructive article about professional e-mailing techniques.

Historian (Jennifer Haley)- has requested copies of each society's newsletters. E-mail them to: ladybuglane@napablogger.com.

Science article about the 8th Continent, Noting that a portion of a former supercontinent (like Pangea) dated about 1 billion years ago has been found off the coast of New Zealand.

Science article about the Oddities of Obsidian discusses the origins, properties and some locations where obsidian is found.

U.S. Forest Service provides safety tips for rockhounding trips.

Committees, Officers- AFMS Committees and Officer Contact information is included in the bulletin.

CFMS Show- May 6-8 at the Antelope Valley Fairground in Lancaster, CA

AFMS Show- Set for 10/14-16/2022 in New Orleans, LA

AFMS News for May

President's Message (Margaret Kolaczyk)- AFMS Judge's training will be held May 19-22 in Kennewick, Washington just before the Lakeland Gem and Mineral Society Show.

Scholarship Foundation (Sandie Fender)- The proposed changes to the Foundation Operating Procedures is included in this bulletin (pages 4-11).

AFMS Show in New Orleans (August 14-16). Many pages of forms and information are included in preparation for the big show. Information includes driving distances from many U.S. Cities, and a brief history of the area around New Orleans where the show will be held.

Editor's Forum (Mark Nelson)- There will be an editor's forum held at the New Orleans AFMS Show. It will include tips for getting folks to read your bulletin (recognition and token prizes work).

All-American Club (Mary Boesdorfer)- Deadline for entries is June 1, 2022.

History (Jennifer Haley)- Jennifer has an interesting article about "Nipper Mounts" for smaller specimens. For folks who want to cram more rocks into a smaller space.

A list of AFMS Committees and contacts is included in the back of the bulletin.

Geological Adventures on Route 66 - Chicago

By Tara Machin

As you may or may not know, I have been traveling the country on Route 66. My husband and I drove to Chicago to see our son at college and then drove Route 66 back to California. My goal is to put together a geological roadmap of my adventures for a future general meeting presentation, but let me give you a taste of my first stop.

Believe it or not, Chicago is the home of quite an odd assortment of rocks and stones. They aren't on display in a museum, they are on view for everyone to see right on Michigan Avenue. Don't believe me? It's true. They are incorporated into the facade of the Chicago Tribune Tower.



The Tribune Tower was completed in 1925 and boasts a neo gothic architectural design. It was home to the Chicago Tribune Newspaper until 2018 when the building was converted to apartments. The apartments are expensive, but the unique stone features on the outside are free. There are building stones from the Taj Mahal, the Great Wall of China, Notre Dame in Paris, and the Great Pyramid of Giza just to name a few. Many of the stones were gifted to the newspaper and others were sent to the newspaper by

correspondents from historically important sites around the world. Others stone have no origin that were documented.

The first 43 stones were gathered in 1948 when some construction was going on near the tower. The stones were supposed to come from historic sites in 43 states in the union. These 43 stones were followed by 16 stones that were collected in Europe after WWII since the buildings were demolished and the rocks were easier to obtain. These are called the "Battle Stones". There are other documented stones that were gifted from other countries or cities, but 38% of the stones have mysterious origins suggesting that they may or may not have been legally obtained. Let's go over a few of the stones that you can see on the building.

Some stones and rocks from the United States seem historical in nature, but some are just unique rocks. For instance there is a rock from The Alamo and nearby is a piece of petrified wood from California that seems to have no historical reference. One stone came from the area were Washington landed in Trenton, NJ after crossing the Delaware River. There is a rock from Mammoth Cave in Kentucky and a rock from the Badlands of North Dakota right next to a brick piece from Abraham Lincoln's House in Springfield, IL. There is is quite a cross section of American History and Geology on display. I found a great reference at <https://www.chicagoarchitecture.org>, although more stones have been added since the article was written.

Some of the famous building that are represented in stone on Tribune Tower that I personally found interesting was a piece from Parliament in London, fragments of stones from the Cave of the Nativity in Bethlehem, a piece of stone from the Stabian Baths in Pompeii, Italy, and a rock from Roanoke Island in North Carolina. This was an amazing find in the city of Chicago. There are about 150 rock and stone fragments to explore. Be sure to make some time in your travels to see them.

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

The ORE-CUTTS (named after William Orcutt) was first published in 1966. Member Helen Azevedo was the first editor. The Orcutt Mineral Society was founded in 1958, and was also named after Orcutt who was a geologist and civil engineer who worked in the Santa Maria Valley as a District Manager for Union Oil Company in 1888. In 1889, William Orcutt discovered the mineral and fossil wealth of the La Brea Tar Pits on the property of Captain Alan Hancock in Los Angeles. The La Brea Tar Pits are one of the most significant fossil finds in paleontological history.

OMS is a non-profit organization dedicated to stimulating an interest in the earth sciences. The club offers educational programs, field trips, scholarships, and other opportunities for families and individuals to pursue an interest in the collecting and treatment of lapidary materials, fossils, gems, minerals, and other facets of the Earth Sciences. In addition, another goal of this Society is to promote good fellowship and proper ethics in pursuit of the Society's endeavors. Operating Rules have been set forth to guide the officers and members of the Society in accomplishing these aims. Affiliations of the OMS include American Federation of Mineral Societies, and California Federation of Mineral Societies.

